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General Comment

The attached photo illustrates why you need to make BMPs for nonpoint sources enforceable. I took the attached photo this morning. This farmer farms several hundred acres yet he didn't want to fence off a narrow strip of land along an ephemeral stream. This is 2010 and there are still farmers that don't keep their cows out of the creek. The ephemeral stream in the picture feeds into Tom's Creek which is exceeding its water quality standards for nutrients and sediments. There are countless examples of farmers not implementing BMPs in my county. All visible from the road. Enforcement officials wouldn't even have to get out of their car to find these polluters! Voluntary programs are not working.

I am a farmer and I support enforceable BMPs for nonpoint sources.

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Attachments

EPA-R03-OW-2010-0736-0712.1: Comment attachment submitted by Kent Ozkum, Whitmore Farm